

CHURCH ON A MISSION: GENEROSITY FUELS THE MISSION

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Luke 12:21 (NLT)

“Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”

WHY GENEROSITY SHOULD BE A PRIORITY IN OUR LIVES:

1. GENEROSITY REFLECTS GOD’S NATURE

Titus 3:4–7 (NLT)

But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, ⁵ he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. ⁶ He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. ⁷ Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

2. GENEROSITY BREAKS CHAINS OF SELFISHNESS AND GREED

1 Timothy 6:6–10 (NIV)

But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

GENEROSITY IS SPIRITUAL WARFARE - IT BREAKS THE BONDAGE OF MORE!

3. GENEROSITY IS AN ACT OF FAITH AND TRUST

1 Timothy 6:17–19 (NLT)

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

PUT YOUR TRUST IN GOD BY PUTTING HIS KINGDOM FIRST IN YOUR FINANCES

Proverbs 3:9–10 (NLT)

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. ¹⁰ Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.

Malachi 3:10 (NLT)

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!

1 Timothy 6:19

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4. GENEROSITY LEADS TO TRUE LIFE - A LIFE OF PURPOSE AND JOY

Acts 20:35 (NIV)

... ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

Proverbs 11:24–25 (NIV)

One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. ²⁵ A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

GENEROSITY LEADS TO INCREASE—NOT DECREASE

5. GENEROSITY IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP - BLESSED BY GOD

Hebrews 13:16 (NLT)

And don’t forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.

2 Corinthians 9:6–9 (NLT)

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. ⁷ You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” ⁸ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. ⁹ As the Scriptures say, “They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever.”

6. GENEROSITY FUELS MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP

Luke 8:3 (NLT)

Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod’s business manager; Susanna; and many others who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples.

GENEROSITY FUELS THE MISSION & THE MISSION FUELS GENEROSITY

The more we have this Kingdom focus, the more open-handed we become

Coming Alive to God & His Kingdom awakens us to stewardship, not ownership

HIS KINGDOM BECOMES OUR PASSION AND GENEROSITY BECOMES OUR EXPRESSION